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**Title:** SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR SUPPLIER  
SELECTION IN A SUPPLY  
CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time.  
However, the extension fee was previously paid.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: